

will be for medically or behaviorally challenged dogs and cats with low adoption rates. This facility will be a huge step forward for those that are able to live out a full life, but without troublesome humans and their nitpicking rules as preconditions. So goes the dream of San Mateo County's Dr. Doolittle, the man who talks to our animals. I have long admired Ken White for his ingenuity and can-do spirit. The San Mateo community and I wish him well as he leaves his avid fans, of all breeds, behind. Undoubtedly there's a movie about Ken that will someday be released on Netflix: Ken White: Lifesaver, Tortoise Daddy and Snake Whisperer. Watch for it, streaming soon.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2862, THE CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT SUICIDE ACT, AND H.R. 2981, THE SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2021

### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2021*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of two pieces of legislation, H.R. 2862, the Campaign to Prevent Suicide Act, and H.R. 2981, the Suicide Prevention Lifeline Improvement Act of 2021—both of which make critical investments to support suicide prevention efforts nationwide.

Rising suicide rates across the country, and especially in my home state of Texas, represent a growing concern in our communities. According to the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, Texas suicide rates have risen nearly 26 percent since 2000—and are the second leading cause of death for Texans aged 15 to 34. The cost of inaction on this issue is too high, and that is why I am encouraged that we are voting on these pieces of legislation today.

H.R. 2862, the Campaign to Prevent Suicide Act, will direct the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to carry out a national suicide prevention campaign. This campaign would include advocacy for an effort that I led last Congress, which would redesignate the National Suicide Prevention Hotline as a three-digit 9-8-8 number. This effort, which would shorten the previous 1-800 number, is an essential step towards simplifying access to critical resources for our constituents in their times of need.

H.R. 2981, the Suicide Prevention Lifeline Improvement Act of 2021, would further require HHS to develop a plan to ensure high-quality service through the National Suicide Prevention Hotline. Beyond a strategic plan, the bill would authorize additional funding for a network of local crisis centers that provide free support and assistance to those struggling with suicidal thoughts.

Madam Speaker, the passage of these two bills would have immediate and tremendous benefits—and could ultimately save lives. That is why I will support these bills, and why I urge their immediate consideration and passage in the Senate.

RECOGNIZING MR. JEFF HASTE UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2021*

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend, congratulate, and profusely thank Mr. Jeff Haste, upon the occasion of his retirement as Chairman of the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners.

Few public servants have been as effective and innovative as Jeff Haste. When he became the Chairman in 2003, he took bold steps to cut costs and put county government on a path to fiscal responsibility, and held the line on taxes for an unprecedented ten straight years.

A conservative and pragmatic leader, Jeff consistently sought ways to support private sector growth. He established the first-of-its-kind infrastructure and land bank, to fund critical local projects, fight blight, and stimulate economic growth. He also saved the Harrisburg Sports and Outdoor Show—a major economic and tourism driver for the region—by securing a new producer and making the show the most successful to date.

As a testament to his leadership and initiative as county commissioner, Jeff was named the Harrisburg Regional Chamber (CCAP)'s Government Leader of the Year in 2006 and 2011. He also was awarded the CCAP 2016 Outstanding Commissioner of the Year, the National Association of Counties 2014 Achievement Award in the category of community/economic development, the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association President's Award for the Dauphin County Infrastructure Bank, and the Harrisburg Riverboat Society 2013 Award for Distinguished Community Service, among myriad other accolades, commendations, and recognitions.

An avid outdoorsman and open space advocate, Jeff helped Dauphin County preserve almost 15,000 acres of farmland since 1992, under a program that began when he was chief clerk.

He also served as CCAP's 2014 president, representing all 67 counties in Pennsylvania, before becoming Chairman of the Board in 2015. He was Chairman of the Susquehanna Township Recreation Board in 2001, and served on the Township's zoning hearing board. In 2012, he was appointed to the Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing, and Conservation.

Jeff, also active in the Boy Scouts, coaches youth soccer and baseball, and is involved with many other community and professional organizations. After graduating in 1977 from Lewistown Area High School, he attended Shippensburg University, and graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice and Law Enforcement, while serving as class president all four years, and earning Dean's List honors. Jeff is a devoted husband to his wife, Maria, father of four, and grandfather of three.

Once again, on behalf of the Citizens of the 10th Congressional District, I'm honored to congratulate and sincerely thank Commissioner Jeff Haste for his tireless, dedicated,

and selfless service to the County of Dauphin, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America, and I wish him Godspeed on his future.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE TAYLOR, TEXAS ROTARY CLUB

### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2021*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I'm proud to honor and celebrate the Taylor Rotary Club's century of extraordinary service. Founded on May 10, 1921 by twenty-five charter members, the Club has made lasting and monumental contributions toward making Central Texas a great place to call home.

Throughout their century of service, the Club has helped where help is needed—in their own communities and around the world—with unmatched integrity and energy. When the Taylor Rotary Club gets involved, problems get smaller and communities get better.

The Club has been instrumental in the creation of public parks, Taylor's first Boy Scout organization, and numerous philanthropic campaigns. Their continued participation in the Baylor Scott and White Blood Drive, Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, and numerous college and vocational scholarships to local students show the Taylor Rotary Club truly lives out its motto of "Service Above Self."

A century after its creation, the Taylor Rotary Club has touched countless lives for the better and continues to make positive impacts on those it's dedicated to serve. I celebrate 100 years of incredible civic involvement and join all Central Texas in wishing this great organization nothing but the best in the decades to come.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER ERIC TALLEY

### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2021*

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a hero who made the ultimate sacrifice for his community. On March 22, Officer Eric Talley courageously confronted a gunman in the Boulder King Soopers. By racing to the scene and not hesitating to directly confront the armed suspect, Officer Talley undoubtedly saved countless lives. His heroic actions and remarkable bravery stand as a stark reminder of the danger that law enforcement officers face every time they pin on their badge.

Good people like Officer Talley represent the best of America. He was deeply committed to his faith, his family, and his community. He saw a need in his community and felt so strongly that he could contribute to his community that he made a mid-career change to serve as a member of the Boulder Police Department. His deeply held convictions are admirable, and his sacrifice deserves commendations that our human institutions are unable to offer. Colorado will be forever grateful

for his bravery and determination. On March 22, 2021, Colorado lost a dedicated guardian of the public, a family man, and a person of faith.

The circumstances that prompt this recognition of Officer Talley fill me with sorrow at the human cost of the gunman's crimes, but it also fills me with a solemn pride and gratitude to know of his resolute character and courage in the face of imminent danger.

I want to extend my deepest condolences to Officer Talley's family, friends, fellow officers, and community. Madam Speaker, I am humbled and honored to recognize Officer Talley's service and sacrifice.

#### THE PRIMARY REGULATORS OF INSURANCE VOTE ACT

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2021*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the Primary Regulators of Insurance Vote Act with Rep. Barry Loudermilk, Rep. Roger Williams, and Rep. Alexander X. Moonhey as the original cosponsors.

The Primary Regulators of Insurance Vote Act would add a dedicated voting seat for state insurance commissioners on the federal Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC), established under the 2010 Dodd-Frank law in response to the global financial crisis and the Great Recession. This bipartisan bill would ensure that the expertise of the nation's primary insurance regulators, state commissioners, has equal weight in the FSOC's decision-making and risk monitoring activities, which directly impact the national insurance industry and market for hundreds of millions of American consumers.

With this bill, we will better protect consumers by ensuring that the impact insurance companies have on our financial stability is sufficiently monitored at the national level. As former State Insurance Commissioner of California, I know the frontline role that state regulators can have in holding insurance companies accountable. Unlike other financial sectors, insurance markets are largely regulated at the state level. Our bill will ensure that the state officials leading that effort have a full and equal voice at the national level to ensure stability, fairness, and accountability in our financial system and the insurance industry nationwide.

I am joined in this effort by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), American Property Casualty Insurance Association, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, Insured Retirement Institute, Reinsurance Association of America, and American Council of Life Insurers which have endorsed the legislation.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to join me in cosponsoring the "Primary Regulators of Insurance Vote Act to ensure that the state officials leading the effort to regulate insurance markets have a full and equal voice at the national level to ensure stability, fairness, and accountability in our financial system and the insurance industry nationwide.

#### RECOGNIZING MARK JANTON FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE BOONTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2021*

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize former Fire Chief Mark Janton for 50 years of service at the Boonton Fire Department.

As we prepared this winter to recognize Mark Janton, alongside two of his fellow firemen, the community received the sad news that Mark passed away after a two-year battle with cancer.

Mark devoted his life to his community and to serving his neighbors. It's his dedication that made Boonton, and New Jersey, such a special place, and is something that I know we are all so grateful for.

Mark first joined the Boonton Fire Department in 1971. Over the years he rose through the ranks, serving as Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief, Deputy Chief, Chief, and Chief Driver for Maxfield Hose and Engine Company No. 1, aka The Workhorse.

Mark's memory lives on in the impact he made on his town and the people who loved him. I also want to extend my deepest condolences to Mark's family: his children, grandchildren, and his high school sweetheart, Kathy.

Fifty years is a lifetime of service. I want to honor Mark for everything he has done for his town, Boonton, New Jersey. He will be remembered fondly.

#### HONORING WWII VETERAN GUADALUPE ESPINOZA

#### HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2021*

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Guadalupe Espinoza, a World War II veteran celebrating his 100th birthday.

Mr. Espinoza is a Rio Grande Valley native who not only succeeded but thrived despite tremendous odds. Mr. Espinoza dropped out of elementary school after fifth grade and worked at a bakery to help his family during the Great Depression. He was drafted into the Army on Oct. 2, 1942, and while he never imagined joining the military, this experience shaped the spirited and strong-willed man he became.

While serving in the United States Air Force, Mr. Espinoza worked as a ground crew member supporting bomber and fighter aircrafts. He was assigned guard duty near the stern of the second biggest ship, the Queen Mary, and he and his crew voyaged throughout the sea as a German submarine closely followed them. After the four days it took to cross the Atlantic Ocean, he was stationed at a base in England and became an aviation mechanic.

Mr. Espinoza continued to serve our nation in the Air Force for six years, from 1942 to 1948. Upon completion of his service, he returned to his native city of Raymondville, TX where he constructed the building that would house Espinoza Bakery, which he owned and operated until 1980.

Throughout his life, Mr. Espinoza has exemplified true leadership and public service. As we honor Guadalupe Espinoza today, I ask my colleagues to join me, his family, and our community in celebrating his legacy and thanking him for his outstanding service to our great nation.

#### HONORING MR. BRENT EARL

#### HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2021*

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent in Michigan's Eighth District who embodies the definition of service to others: Mr. Brent Earl, of Livingston County.

Mr. Earl's roots in the county run deep—he's a graduate of Howell High School's Class of 1985 who now serves as Vice Chair of the Howell Public Schools Board of Education. He serves in this role in addition to working a full-time job and being involved in several local organizations, all while raising cattle and other animals as a sixth-generation Livingston County farmer.

At his core, Mr. Earl is a giver and a helper. Alongside his wife, Jen, and his four kids, he runs the Earl Farm Foundation, a non-profit that has been donating thousands of pounds of ground beef to local food pantries and shelters since 2009.

During the pandemic, when our community needed it most, Mr. Earl stepped up as a Good Samaritan. When local school children eligible for free or reduced lunch were dependent on food banks, Mr. Earl's donations literally put food on the table. For needy families priced out of grocery store beef, his generosity allowed their kids to enjoy hamburgers, meat loaf, and spaghetti.

For years, Mr. Earl has been a friend of the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA). As a former member of the Advisory Council and current Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, Mr. Earl has guided the organization with the steady hand and easy demeanor that he is known for.

Whether he's been raising money or personally distributing goods and services to those in need, Mr. Earl has given countless hours to OLHSA efforts. For the past five years, he's been the Chair of its annual Walk for Warmth, which raises money to help community members stay safe and warm during heat-related emergencies.

For his work and his efforts, he's been recognized as a Person of the Year, Big Brother of the Year, and Citizen of the Year. But beyond these personal awards and accolades, Mr. Earl is something much greater. He's a local Fred Rogers: a good man and a good neighbor who simply wants to help.

On behalf of a grateful community, I thank Mr. Earl for his tireless devotion to his family, his town, and our community. It's my honor to insert these remarks into the permanent record of the People's House so that his legacy of service may live on.